

City of West Branch, IA – Animal Control Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 23, 2022 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers

Present: Alen Beyer, DVM (Chair), Leesa Johnson, Amy Lynch, Nate Bartz

Absent: Ashley Wildman

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 – 6:30 PM – West Branch City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order – Dr. Beyer

2. Roll Call – Dr. Beyer

3. Announcements

- Correction from March 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes – On the topic of the Dog Park Expansion Project, Dr. Beyer met with Mike “Dobber” to discuss. This is a correction from Mike “Dobbs”.

4. Discussion

- Meeting Minutes from the March 8, 2022, and April 12, 2022, Animal Control Commission Meetings were submitted. Amy moved to approve; Leesa seconded. Motion carried.
- Dog Park Expansion Project
 - Fence quotes were submitted by three companies (includes, perimeter fence, entry area fence, and gates). All companies advised against the “no-mow” options, as it is an extra expense that does not work well/last long.
 - There will also be a cost associated with concrete needed for pad, sidewalk, and bench. It was discussed that we may look into local companies that may be able to donate the concrete and pouring.
 - Melissa is currently out, but when she returns, she will assist in determining the best location for the new bench.
 - After discussion (determined Central Iowa Fencing had the lowest bid, best payment options/fundraising, and was local), Dr. Beyer asked for a vote to approve the quote submitted by Central Iowa Fencing. All present members voted in favor.
 - There was some fundraising discussion that included potentially sending letters to current city dog license holders/dog park license holders (need to obtain list from city), visits/letters to local businesses (need to obtain list from WB Development group), trying to get publicity in the local newspaper (working with West Branch Times), potentially setting up some form of crowdfunding (will

need to look into logistics/legality further), etc. Additional discussions will be needed to determine how to move forward on collecting the ~\$17K needed to complete the project.

- Adjourn Meeting
 - Amy moved to adjourn; Leesa seconded. Motion carried.